



**OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
4750 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208**

January 14, 2003

Dear State Employee,

Once again this year, state employees are banding together through “Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers” to collect food and other items for neighbors whose cupboards are a little short on basic necessities. Because of the ever-increasing needs in our communities, I’d like to encourage you to help us as we hope to collect more than ever before.

We all are aware of the tough economic times that have hit our state. Certainly, all of state government has felt the need to tighten our belts to ensure that limited resources stretch as far as possible. This is also true for many families throughout the state – including those who have been affected by the tornadoes in September – and it makes an effort like “Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers” all the more important.

As in previous years, you can be a part of Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers by donating non-perishable food and other household items. Within your own office, coordinators will set up drop off locations to make your participation as easy as possible.

Everyday, as a state employee, you provide needed and valuable services to the citizens of Indiana. “Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers” is yet one more opportunity for others to know that your commitment to public service goes well beyond the job, but is truly a way of life and a dedication to the people of Indiana. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy O'Bannon".

Judy O'Bannon